

Although amateur in name, we are not amateur in practice when it comes to providing emergency communications. A morse requirement is still a necessary component for emergency communications. The "hobbyists" of our service are the men and women (should I say boys and girls) who seek to abolish these requirements.

For the sake of the THOUSANDS of us who are committed to providing emergency and support communications, we need the discipline which CW affords. Speed isn't really at issue, but the ability to provide any and ALL modes of communications certainly is. Retain CW. Please don't allow the cry baby hobbyists to dictate the future of amateur radio. Left up to them, ALL testing will eventually be abolished, sending the amateur radio service down the path of destruction behind the citizen's band. We're already headed that direction in a hurry. Help those of us who are fighting against elimination of things we believe in. We all earned our tickets to gain the higher privileges. This should not be tampered with.